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OF THE
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OF THE
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OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN
THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
HOLDEN IN
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LIST OF ATTENDING MEMBERS.

CLERGY.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT, D. D. Bishop of the Diocess, and Rector of St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

The Rev. JOHN AVERY, Rector of St. John's Church, Edenton.

Rev. WM. D. CAIRNES, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Rev. C. P. ELLIOTT, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.

Rev. G. W. FREEMAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.

Rev. W. M. GREEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.

Rev. R. J. MILLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.

Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Rev. THOMAS WRIGHT, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

The Rev. Messrs. JARVIS B. BUXTON, of Elizabeth City, J. R. GOODMAN, of Newbern, and JOHN H. NORMENT, a Missionary, Clerical Members of this Convention, were not present at its sessions.

The Diocess consists of the Bishop, ten Priests and one Deacon.

LAITY.—DELEGATES.

Charles Mills,
Benjamin Harrison,
David Cowan,
Dr. W. H. Trent, } Christ's Church, Rowan county.

Hon. James Martin,
Romulus M. Saunders,
Edward Yarborough,
John Beard, Jr. } St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

Dr. Thomas H. Wright,
Thomas F. Davis, Jr. } St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Wm. Dismukes,
Dr. Thomas D. Parke,
Marshall R. Willkings, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

Edward Lee Winslow,
Thomas L. Hybart,
Edward J. Hale, } St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Matthew Baird,
Elisha B. Miller, } St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.
Samuel F. Sneed, St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

JOURNAL.

SALISBURY, May 23d, 1829.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, the Members thereof assembled in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury. The Rt. Rev. JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT, acting as President, opened the Convention with Prayer.

E. L. Winslow, acting as Secretary, *pro tempore*, called over the list of the Clergymen, of whom the following appeared as present:

The Rev. John Avery, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

William D. Cairnes, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Charles P. Elliott, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.

William M. Green, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.

R. J. Miller, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.

Thomas Wright, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

Philip B. Wiley, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

The following named were appointed a Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegation to this Convention: The Rev. Messrs. Avery and Green of the Clergy, and Hon. James Martin of the Laity; who now report the following Churches to be represented, and the following Delegates elected:

Charles Mills,
Benjamin Harrison,
David Cowan, } Christ's Church, Rowan County.

Dr. W. H. Trent,
Hon. James Martin,
Romulus M. Saunders,
Edward Yarborough,
John Beard, Jr. } St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

Dr. James F. McRee,
Dr. Thomas H. Wright,
Thomas F. Davis, Jr. } St. James's Church, Wilmington.

William Dismukes,
Dr. Thomas D. Parke, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

Marshall R. Willkings,
Edward Lee Winslow,
Thomas L. Hybart,
Edward J. Hale, } St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Of whom the following named appeared and took their seats as members: Charles Mills, Benjamin Harrison, Dr. William H. Trent, Hon. James Martin, Edward Yarborough, Thomas F. Davis, Jr., William Dismukes, Dr. Thomas D. Parke, E. L. Winslow, E. J. Hale, Thomas L. Hybart.

On motion of the Rev. William M. Green, *Resolved*, that the Rules of Order adopted by the Convention of 1827, govern the deliberations of this body.

On motion, E. L. Winslow was unanimously appointed the Secretary of this Convention, for the ensuing year.

On motion of the Rev. Thomas Wright, *Resolved, unanimously*, that Clergymen of the Episcopal Church who may be present, and not entitled to seats in this Convention, be admitted as honorary members.—Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Cheraw, S. C., was admitted to a seat.

The following Committees were then by the President appointed:

Committee on the State of the Church:—Rev. Messrs. Avery, Cairnes, and Elliott, of the Clergy. E. J. Hale and Col. W. Dismukes, of the Laity.

Committee of Finance:—Rev. Messrs. Green and Wright, of the Clergy; E. L. Winslow, Hon. James Martin, and Thomas F. Davis, of the Laity.

On motion, the Convention adjourned for Divine Service.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Wm. M. Green, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Avery, from the 8th chapter of Romans, 7th verse. During the service, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to four adults.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

John Beard, Jr., a Delegate from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, appeared and took his seat.

David Cowan, a Delegate from Christ's Church, Rowan, appeared and took his seat.

Matthew Baird and Elisha B. Miller presented the certificate of Delegation from St. Andrew's Church, Burke county; and, on motion, were admitted to seats in this Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop then read his Journal, as follows:

The commencement of another Conventional year, calls us once more together, my brethren, to renew our labours for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and for the safety, honour and welfare of that branch of his holy catholic church, which this body particularly represents. That the blessing of God hath preserved us in peace and union, in our fellowship one with another, in the one faith and hope of the Gospel—That his fatherly providence hath poured the abundance of a most fruitful year upon the labour of the husbandman, "filling our hearts with food and gladness"—That his presence with his word and ordinances, gives the encouraging hope, that the pure and undefiled Religion of the Saviour, is gradually winning its way into the hearts, and more visibly ruling the lives of numbers, who had long been strangers to its vital power—forms the subject of the deepest gratitude and highest praise, and one which it becomes this body, as the representative council of the church thus favoured, to place in the front of those various mercies and blessings, for which our joint and several tribute of

praise and thanksgiving is due, to the author of every good and perfect gift.

That these blessings may be continued to us, must be the earnest prayer of those whom I now address; and by no means can we more effectually provide for a favourable return to our supplications, than by retaining upon our hearts that lively sense of past and present favour, and that humble hope of renewed goodness, which manifest a just and authorized reliance upon him, "without whom we can do nothing," and whose promise is gone forth, firm as eternity, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his church. It is emphatically his cause—the cause of Christ, our glorified head, my brethren, in its fullest acceptance. It is our cause—the cause of endless life and eternal glory to redeemed sinners, in its most gracious purpose and intendment, and while to us is committed the management of its concerns, as a visible establishment for the recovery of a lost world to God, our efforts can then only be put forth with hope, and crowned with success, when they are begun, continued, and ended, in Him.

That this godly frame of mind—this humble yet full reliance on the help and blessing of Almighty God—may preside over your counsels and obtain for you the wisdom which is from above, to guide your determinations, I earnestly pray, and in the comfortable assurance, that one heart and one mind will be put forth, for the advancement of the glory of God, in the spread and reception of the everlasting Gospel, in its truth and purity, I will now proceed to lay before you the result of my labours and observation of the state of the diocese during the past year. This, with the parochial reports, and your own personal knowledge of your respective parishes, will enable you to enter upon your duty, with the information of what is required to render it profitable to the church, and to the great work which the church is instituted to maintain and set forward in the world.

My tour of Episcopal visitation commenced in the month of July, and was directed to the western churches, in order at the same time to try the effect of our mountain climate, and mineral waters, on my greatly impaired state of health.

In the course of my journey, I visited the congregations of our communion, in Raleigh, Wadesborough, Salisbury, Christ's Church, Rowan, St. Andrews, Burke county, and Milton, in the order in which they are named. In all of which, the customary services were performed, together with those peculiar to the Episcopal office, where they were required; and in all were well and seriously attended—but only in some, with more than seriousness and attention.

In Raleigh I was greatly rejoiced, at witnessing the lively spirit, which pervaded the congregation, on this my first visit, since resigning my charge as their pastor, and encouraged not to faint or grow weary, but to wait still upon Him, who alone giveth the increase, by the addition of four new communicants.

In Wadesborough, the same patient continuance in well doing, which from the beginning, has characterised this little flock, still manifests its presence. One adult baptism, and three persons confirmed, give evidence, that the labours of their pastor, the Rev'd. Mr. Elliott, have not been in vain. And though they are about to be deprived of his services,

and again cast upon occasional and uncertain opportunities of enjoying the public services of the Sanctuary, they yet hope, that help will be raised up for them, and their active endeavours to obtain this benefit, be crowned with success.

In Salisbury, the consecration of the building in which we are assembled, and in the performance of which duty I was assisted by the Rev'd. Mr. Green, Mr. Wiley, Mr. Norment, and the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Wright—formed an object of much interest to some, and of curiosity to more. The services were consequently well attended, but no visible change appears to have taken place in the congregation. The friends of the church, and of whom we are desirous to hope the best, have exerted themselves to erect a house of prayer and sacred offices. But there is not as yet a single male communicant added to the church; and great fear is entertained, that their means of maintaining a clergyman will fail through the unwillingness of the members of Christ's Church, Rowan, to contribute their fair and reasonable proportion of his salary, for an equal portion of his time.

With this last named congregation, the second in number of communicants in the diocese, I spent several days, previous to that of my regular appointment for them, in going from house to house, endeavouring to prevail with them, to continue their union with the congregation in Salisbury, upon its original footing, and thereby secure to themselves and their families, the regular ministrations of the church. My endeavours, however, were fruitless; and this large and important and able congregation, are as sheep without a shepherd—exposed to be scattered and torn by enemies from without, or to melt away, into the indifference and apathy of an uncertain faith, and an unsettled profession.

At St. Andrew's the prospects of the church are not materially changed in any respect. There is, as yet, no falling off in any of the members, and while their aged and respected pastor, the Rev. Mr. Miller, is able to officiate among them, nothing of the kind is to be apprehended. Yet from their remote situation, and entire seclusion from any Episcopal congregation—from the smallness of their number, and want of pecuniary ability—No reasonable expectation can be entertained, that they will subsist as a congregation for any length of time, after his removal—an event which, according to the common estimate of human life, cannot now be very distant. My late visit to them, however, was gratifying to my feelings in many respects. Five persons were confirmed, and the prospect held out, that on my again coming to see them, I should be called upon to officiate in a new building erecting on John's River, about 20 miles west of St. Andrews, as an Episcopal place of worship.

At Milton, we have to lament, that such unshaken constancy to the church, as is exhibited by the few members and friends she possesses in that place, should still be doomed to labour under the many privations they have to submit to, and which appear to be insurmountable under the present very limited means we possess of affording them assistance. The Rev. Mr. Green still continues his occasional visits to them, and as he is the only clergyman within reach, it is to be hoped, that his zeal in the cause of Religion, and the mutual affection existing betwixt himself and the members of that congregation, will still secure to them

that portion of his time, which can be spared from his particular charge.

In addition to the services performed in the above mentioned congregations, I have officiated at various other places in the course of my journey.

While at the Catawba springs, in Lincoln county, I endeavoured to collect the remains of the three congregations, once on the list of our churches, in the western part of the diocese, Whitehaven, Smyrna and St. Peter's—and could I have succeeded in my purpose, it was a part of my plan to employ the Rev. Mr. Wiley, who found it necessary to visit the upper country for his health, as a missionary among them, during the months of August and September. But so completely are they dissolved, and so little encouragement was held out to make the attempt, that I could not feel justified in applying the nearly exhausted funds of the society, on so hopeless an object. As an appointment, however, had been forwarded from Salisbury, and notice was given, I attended at a meeting house below Beatties' Ford, where divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a sermon preached by myself to a small collection of neighbouring people, of whom not more than four or five were Episcopalians even in name—and to some of the company then visiting the Springs. The same services were performed on the following Sunday in the public room at the Springs, to such of the company as a very rainy day deterred from visiting a camp meeting in the vicinity.

I have also officiated in Morganton, Asheville, and at the Warm springs on French Broad River, on my journey westward, and at Mocksville, on my return, where I had the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Wright of Salisbury. In the course of this visitation, I have preached 22 sermons, administered the holy communion in 5 congregations, to 124 communicants, confirmed 15 persons, baptised 4—one an adult, by immersion, and consecrated St. Luke's church, Salisbury.

At Milton, I received intelligence which made it my duty to recall my remaining appointments, and return directly home. Mrs. Ravenscroft's state of health, for some time impaired, had become more seriously affected; and continuing gradually to decline through the winter, precluded all further prosecution of my intended course of duty in the diocese. Partial amendment, indeed, gave occasional hope of recovery; it pleased God, however, to order it otherwise. He hath seen it good to disappoint those hopes, as to me, by her death—But most graciously to fulfil her trust in his mercy, though the merits and death of her Divine Redeemer and Saviour, by a hope full of immortality, rendering her superior to the fear of death, and composed and confident under the near approach of dissolution.

In pursuance of the resolution of the last Convention on the subject of the fund for the Episcopate—I appointed the Rev. Mr. Wiley to visit the different congregations, which had not been previously applied to. In the performance of this duty, he was with me at Salisbury, Christ's church, and Milton; and Warrenton only remaining uncalled upon, appointments were made for divine service in that place on Saturday and Sunday the 4th and 5th of October. These appointments

were duly filled up, but without effect, either to the fund or to the church.

My engagement with the congregation of St. John's Church, Williamsborough, being at an end on the 14th of March—and it being possible in point of time, to visit the remaining congregations previous to the meeting of this Convention, I accordingly left home on the 16th and proceeded direct to Fayetteville, where my appointments commenced on the 21st of the month, and have visited in succession the churches in Wilmington, Newbern, Durham's Creek, Trinity Chapel, Washington, Bath, Edenton, and Elizabeth City, in all of which, I have had abundant cause of thankfulness and praise to Almighty God, for the encouraging aspect of their religious condition, and for the increasing interest manifested for the prosperity and advancement of the church. This is exhibited by the number and description of the persons presented for confirmation, by the number of new communicants, by the devout deportment of all, and by the attention paid to the very important subject of Sunday Schools, in which the rising hope of the church are instructed in the first principles of the doctrine of Christ, and gradually carried forward, in the development and connection of those principles, with the accountable condition of redeemed sinners.

To find the large and important congregations of St. James's Church, Wilmington, and Christ's Church, Newbern, relieved from the privations occasioned by the removal of their former pastors, and supplied with faithful and efficient labourers in the Lord's vineyard, was an additional gratification to my feelings, and encourages the hope I entertain, that, exposed as we peculiarly are, to the inconveniencies consequent on ministerial removal, the Lord of the harvest will yet be mindful of us, and provide for the wants of his church.

In the congregations above named, with the addition of 2 persons on Blount's creek unable to attend at any of our fixed congregations, but who have had the benefit of the Rev. Mr. Freeman's services occasionally, and of one at Hertford in Perquimons county, I have confirmed 55 persons—administered to 350 communicants—and preached 33 sermons, with the encouraging prospect, that the continuance of the same zeal and fidelity on the part of the clergy, will continue to be productive of the same happy effects.

On my return homewards, I visited the district assigned to the missionary labours of the Rev. Mr. Norment, and preached in Windsor, at Kahukee meeting house, and in St. Mark's church, Halifax town. During the services in Windsor, I confirmed 4 persons, and baptised an infant in the church in Halifax, but found no communicants. The prospects of the church in this section of the diocess, will be detailed in the missionary report, and therefore, need not to be enlarged upon here, except that it is not favourable.

Having remained at home from the 5th to the 11th of May, I left Williamsborough on that day, taking the congregations in Orange county, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Green, on my way to attend the present Convention. I have accordingly visited the congregations of Salem chapel, St. Mary's chapel, and St. Matthew's church, Hillsborough, and performed the customary services on such occasions, and though some unfavourable weather lessened the number of attendants at the two

first named places of worship, and the congregations are in themselves small, I have reason to be pleased with the devout and orderly deportment of the members and hearers. The congregation of St. Matthew's church, Hillsborough, presents an encouraging aspect to its pastor; and in the number and description of the persons confirmed at St. Mary's and St. Matthew's (12,) mark the operation of that increasing religious impression in the church, with which I have been gratified and encouraged during this visitation.

As the rite of confirmation is administered every year, in all our fixed congregations, and the candidates are presented on the responsibility of their pastor, from personal examination of their qualifications, the number cannot be so great in any year, as under other circumstances it might be. But it is conceived to afford the greater confidence, as to the actual increase of religious impression in our communion, and greater reliance on the stability of those, who are thus added to the church.

During the past year, I have confirmed 86 persons—giving an increase over the previous year of 54.

To this statement of my personal labours in the diocese, I proceed to add such further information as is necessary to give a full view of its present condition.

Since our last meeting, one clergyman, the Rev. Thos. S. W. Mott, has removed from the diocese, for reasons satisfactory to me.

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott has been received on letters dimissory from the Bishop of South Carolina, and is in charge of the congregation of Christ's church, Raleigh.

The Rev. William D. Cairns has been received, on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Virginia, and is in charge of St. James's church, Wilmington.

The Rev. J. R. Goodman has been received on letters dimissory from the Bishop of Pennsylvania, and is in charge of Christ's church, Newbern.

On the removal of the Rev. Mr. Mott from Wilmington, I granted a commission as lay reader to Dr. James F. McRee, at the request of the vestry of that congregation.

There has been but one ordination during the past year—that of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, who was admitted to the order of priests, in St. Paul's church, Edenton, on Thursday the 16th of April—the Rev. Mr. Avery, and the Rev. Mr. Freeman, assisting in this solemn ordinance.

One new building has been consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the name of St. Luke's church, Salisbury, being that in which we are at present assembled.

One candidate for holy orders, has been recommended by the standing committee, and received—Mr. William Norwood of Orange county—who is pursuing his theological studies in the General Seminary, on the fund paid in to that institution by this diocese.

It is proper to state to this Convention, that in assigning Mr. Norwood to the North Carolina scholarship, both Mr. Cameron and myself were aware, that the right to nominate rests with the Convention of the diocese. Yet, as the loss of a year would have been the consequence of delaying the appointment to this convention, and the occasion of considerable inconvenience to the candidate, they ventured to give him creden-

tials, as Trustees of the General Seminary—in the confidence, that this body would confirm the nomination, which it is hoped they will do.

The subjects for your special consideration are, the propositions from the General Convention on the alterations in the mode of performing the services in the Liturgy—on an additional preface to the office for confirmation—and on the amendment of the rubric at the end of the communion service. These are to be acted on, at the ensuing General Convention, and to be received or rejected, according to the opinion entertained of their expediency, by the respective diocesses—to be declared by their representatives in that body.

As I have already communicated my views of this subject, and sufficient time has been allowed to consider the propositions in all their bearings—I will not consume your time by repeating those views, further than to remind you, that they are three distinct and independent propositions, and as such to be acted on separately, and to be sanctioned or refused, according as they shall be considered advantageous or injurious to the general welfare.

Another subject of special consideration by this Convention is, the proposition from the General Convention, to alter the second clause of the eighth article of the constitution of the church, by adding the words “or the articles of Religion,” after the words “other offices of the church.”

As this is purely a measure of precaution, and provides additional security against any innovation in the articles of religion: as it originated in the house of clerical and lay deputies, and is sanctioned by the house of bishops—I presume there will be no difficulty on the part of this Convention, in agreeing to the proposed alteration.

As the report of the select committee on the expediency of relieving the Bishop from the performance of parochial duty, made to the last Convention, was laid on the table, and will be taken up as unfinished business, I will only observe, that the necessity, that something should be done, has not decreased—that the state of the church not only requires increased exertion, but holds out the most encouraging hopes of a more profitable return to those exertions, than heretofore. And though it has pleased God to spare my life, and to favour me with a respite from the ravages of disease, I am the less able to bear the incessant fatigue of travelling and of performing those duties to the different congregations, which, from my limited time, succeed each other without intermission.

I have received a communication from the Episcopal congregations and clergy in the state of Tennessee, addressed to this Convention, which will be laid before you by the president of the standing committee. So far as my own judgment and inclination are concerned, I feel disposed to meet their wishes, but leave it entirely to the determination of the Convention.

That the blessing of God may preside over your deliberations, and your councils be directed “to the advancement of his glory—the good of his church—the safety, honour, and welfare of his people,” is my most earnest prayer—as it also is, that those for whose dearest interests you are engaged, may be more deeply impressed with the duty, as well as advantage, of carrying promptly and faithfully into effect, those measures, which are here, by common consent, agreed upon, as good and profitable, or necessary and expedient.

JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT.

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Parochial Reports were now called for, and presented, as follows:

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, Rector.

My pastoral connexion with St. James's Church, Wilmington, commenced in January last, since which time, I have

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| Baptised, | 4 Infants, |
| Married, | 4 Couple, |
| Buried, | 4 Persons, (one only a Parishioner.) |

On my arrival in Wilmington, I found connected with the Church, 108 white, and 21 black Communicants. We have since lost one by death, and one by removal to a distance, and added 11; making our present number 138. The Bishop, during his late visit in March, confirmed 7 persons, 6 of whom are now united to the communion of the Church.

There are 90 children in the Sunday School, and
40 in the Rector's Catechetical Classes.

The Female Working Association still continues in active and successful operation. A resolution has been passed appropriating the avails of their labour (about \$100 per ann.) to the building of a Rectory.

The Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, (recently organized,) promises to be a useful institution;—It will contribute \$100 per ann., to the good work of distributing the word and the means of life.

The Church Library is gradually increasing, and is of undoubted benefit to the members of the church.

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| We have also raised for the Episcopate | \$110 00 |
| For the Contingent Fund, | 25 00 |
| For the Missionary Society, by collection in Church, | \$43 25 |
| 6 subscriptions, | 12 00 |
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In addition to the two regular Services on Sunday, I have preached every Thursday evening in the Church, and lectured every Saturday evening in some private house. These weekly meetings have been remarkably well attended, and I cannot but think, that to this "not forgetting the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is," for prayer and the more immediate performance of *social* religious duties, is to be attributed the "unction from the Holy One" which we at present have.

It will be seen, from the foregoing statement, that the Rector has found much during the short period of his pastoral relationship with the Church, both to encourage and to make him thankful. The continuance of these flattering prospects however, he is fully persuaded, depends, with the blessing of God, on the increasing spiritual mindedness and zeal of the people committed to his charge. And aided by their prayers, faithfully and perseveringly offered for himself and for his labours, he can have no doubt as to the ultimate issue; for the Lord will give us his blessing—we shall be enlightened more and more with the light of the everlasting

Gospel—the love of truth will be engrafted in our hearts—we shall be increased in all goodness, and at last be numbered with His Saints in glory everlasting who is the gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls.

WM. D. CAIRNS, *Rector.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Wm. M. Green, Rector.

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| Baptisms, (2 adults and 17 children, 2 coloured,) | 19 |
| Confirmations, | 8 |
| Marriage, | 1 |
| Burial, | 1 |
| Communicants, (5 removed, 8 added,) | 34 |
| Adults not Communicants, | 35 |
| Sunday Scholars, | 50 |
| Sunday School Teachers, | 7 |

The present situation of this Congregation is encouraging, although it has suffered much by the removal of some of its members, and is likely to suffer still more from the anticipated removal of others.

The want of the *regular* services of a Lay Reader has been much felt.

The Sunday School continues in successful operation; and from the increased number of Scholars, and the well sustained zeal of its Teachers, promises more than ever to accomplish the sacred end of its institution. The children have been regularly catechised in the Church once a month.

The Bible Class is still continued, and it is hoped with benefit to both the teacher and the taught.

A Missionary Society has been formed, and about 50 subscribers obtained at 50 cents each.

The Ladies' Working Society continue, by the labour of their needles, to promote the interests of the Congregation.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

The condition of this Congregation remains as before reported. No visible increase or falling off in its members.

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| Communicants, | 15 |
| Confirmations, | 4 |
| Baptisms, (1 infant and 2 adults,) | 3 |

SALEM CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

Baptisms, 2 coloured children.

The communicants at this place are included among those of St. Mary's Congregation.

MILTON.

I have continued to pay a quarterly visit to this place during the last year, and have married one couple and baptised one infant.

I have likewise married one couple in Lenoir county, and baptised one infant in Greensborough.

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| Collections for the Episcopate, | \$62 |
| for the Contingent Fund, | 5 |
| for the Missionary Society, | 25 |
| W. M. GREEN. | |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector.

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| Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 10) | 12 |
| Confirmations, | 9 |
| Communicants, | 58 |
| Burials, | 3 |
| Marriages, | 2 |

The spiritual condition of this congregation is certainly better than it was at the last report. During the past conventional year, 12 have been added to the number of communicants, 3 have removed, and one has been called from her service here to the eternal rest which "remaineth for the people of God." And those who are left behind seem to have been animated by her example to give greater diligence in "making their calling and election sure." Yet much remains to be accomplished ere the apostolic precept "Be not conformed to this world," shall be duly weighed and universally acted upon.

The Sunday School still continues to flourish under the direction of a zealous superintendent, and numbers, according to the season, from 40 to 70 attending scholars, most of whom regularly receive catechetical instruction. The books used in this school are those published by the "General Union Society," and they are found admirably adapted to the purpose. And to this institution, connected with its auxiliaries, it is hazarding but little to say, we must look as the nursery of our apostolic church. May it receive the fostering care of the great "Head over all things to his church," and be crowned with abundant success.

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| Collected for the Episcopate, | \$110 00 |
| for the Contingent Fund, | 25 00 |
| for the Missionary Society, | 42 00 |

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. J. R. Goodman, Rector.

Reports that he entered upon his ministerial duties in December last, under all the discouraging circumstances consequent upon a deprivation of the preached word and ordinances. Since then I rejoice to perceive evidences of a return to "their first love," the strong and ardent attachment of which was so pleasingly displayed by the members of the church, during the favoured connexion of my Reverend predecessor. Subscriptions have been made for purchasing a Bell of large size, and the furniture required for lighting the Church during night service. A Sunday

School, connected with the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, has been established, together with a Library for the use of its scholars. In addition to these gratifying and useful results of a zeal which has been revived after a slumber of nearly eighteen months, I am happy to report the recent formation of an *Industrious Society* by the Ladies of the Congregation.

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| Baptisms, (Infants 5, Adults 4,) | 9 |
| Confirmations, | 7 |
| Communicants, | 68 |
| Marriages, | 3 |
| Burials, | 3 |
| Sunday School Male Teachers, | 10 |
| Female ditto. | 14 |
| | — 24 Teachers. |
| Scholars, Male, | 65 |
| Female, | 76 |
| | — 141 Scholars. |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

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| Baptisms, (infants) | 2 |
| Communicants, | 15 |
| Burials, | 1 |
| No marriages during the year. | |

The condition of this congregation is not an improving one. The past year has added none to their number, and from the state of the surrounding population, there is small prospect of any real interest being felt in behalf of the church, beyond the pale of those already professed as members and friends. These are few in number, but liberal in providing for the public ordinances of Religion, and desirous of their continuance. The communicants are without any known reproach in their walk and conversation in life, regular in their attendance, and devout in their deportment. It is, however, greatly to be lamented, that among the non-communicants—here as well as elsewhere the greater number—so little countenance should be given to the cause of Religion, and so very weighty an objection presented to the adversaries of the church, as is furnished by the frequent, and I fear I must say, unnecessary neglect, of her public services, by too many of them.

JOHN S. RAVENSCROFT.

CHURCHES IN THE COUNTY OF BEAUFORT,

Under the Pastoral charge of the Rev. Geo. W. Freeman:

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| Baptisms.—St. Peter's, Washington, | } | 14 |
| Adults 6, Children 8, | | |
| St. Thomas's, Bath, | | 3 children, |
| Trinity Chapel, Bear Creek, | | 8 children, |
| St. Johns's, Durham's Creek, | | 1 child, |
| Zion Chapel, Beaver Dam, | | 11 |
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| Confirmations.—St. Peter's, | 9 | |
| St. Thomas's, | 4 | |
| Trinity Chapel, | 4 | |
| St. Johns's 1, Blount's Creek 2 | 3 | |
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| Communicants.—St. Peter's, | 47 | |
| St. Thomas's, | 20 | |
| Trinity Chapel, | 16 | |
| St. Johns's, | 6 | |
| Zion Chapel, | 14 | |
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| Burials.—St. Peter's, | 13 | |
| St. Thomas's, | 2 | |
| Trinity Chapel, | 2 | |
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| Marriages.—St. Peter's, | 2 | |

In most of these Congregations there has been some increase of numbers, and in all, it is believed, the interests of vital religion have been gradually advancing. The attachment of the members to the doctrines, worship and polity of the Church, continues undiminished, and their zeal in promoting her external prosperity, unabated.

In Washington, the Female Working Society mentioned in the last report, have generously undertaken to contribute \$150 this year, to the pastoral support, and it is encouraging to know, that their efforts for this object are likely to be crowned with success.

The assessment for the annual support of the Bishop, has been raised in part (\$26) by the Congregation of St. Peter's, and by that of Trinity Chapel, entire, together with the contingent for the expenses of the Convention.

In three of the Churches, St. Peter's, St. Johns's and Trinity Chapel, the Sunday Schools formerly noticed, continue to flourish, and two of them, St. Peter's and Trinity Chapel, are favoured with the stated services of a Lay Reader.

GEO. W. FREEMAN.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

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| Families composing this Congregation, | 16 |
| Communicants, | 23 |
| Baptisms, | 3 |

Since the Rector of this Church entered upon the duties of it, which was early in August last, he has had the gratification of beholding a manifest improvement in piety. Some persons have been admitted to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and others are now candidates, and it is believed that a spirit of religious inquiry prevails among the members of the Congregation, which may lead to favorable results. The Rector has officiated twice on Sundays and once in the course of the week, and public worship has generally been well attended. The Congregation have

suffered much inconvenience from the want of a proper place for public worship. The building which has been hitherto used for that purpose is exceedingly unsuitable. And it is hoped that a Church which has been building for some time, and is now in an unfinished state, and which we think would be well adapted to the Congregation, will be completed by the end of the year. There is a Sunday School attached to the Congregation, which consists at present of 6 Teachers and 34 Scholars. The system of instruction of the General Episcopal Sunday School Union will be adopted and adhered to entirely. Although we have no reason to expect that our Congregation will be increased, yet we have no just cause to apprehend that our numbers will be diminished, and from the present state of things, we feel ourselves authorized to say, that the cause of the Church in this quarter of the Diocess is progressing.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, SALISBURY.

Rev. Tho's. Wright, Rector.

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| Baptisms, (children) | 6 |
| Catechumens, | 10 |
| Burials, | 2 |
| Communicants, | 15 |
| One has withdrawn, and none have been added. | |
| Collected for the support of the Episcopate, | \$50 |

The present state of the congregation, is by no means flattering, and there is little hope of immediate improvement; as fears are entertained by some of the Vestry, that they cannot maintain a clergyman, even with the aid of Christ's church. Perhaps an unmarried man, who could combine secular with clerical duties, or, who would divide his time between the two churches of Rowan, and the congregation at Wadesborough, might be supported: and I know not any portion of our country which stands in greater need of ministerial services. Where there is so little cause of rejoicing, it is gratifying to be able to state, that the few members of the Female Episcopal Society, have wrought diligently, and by the sale of a variety of articles, and from some small donations by liberal gentlemen, they have been enabled to defray the expense of painting the church and procuring cushions, &c. for the pulpit, reading desk, and altar. There is reason to hope, too, that several of this society will soon kneel at the altar which they have contributed outwardly to adorn. By the exertions, chiefly, of one lady, \$85 have been presented for the purpose of purchasing a bell.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ROWAN.

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| Baptisms, children 6, and one coloured adult, | |
| Communicants, | 70 |

My visits to this congregation have been "few and far between," and it does not appear to have increased in number during the past year; but it is believed that the members in general, are more confirmed in their attachment to the church; and a few of them have obviously advanced in knowledge, zeal and holiness.

THOS. WRIGHT.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

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| Baptisms, (children,) | 2 |
| Communicants, | 12 |
| One has been added since last Convention. | |

This little flock, now as sheep without a shepherd, continues firm and steadfast in the faith; and, according to their ability, the members thereof would do as much towards the maintenance of a Pastor, as those of any other congregation in the diocese: but they cannot singly support one. They therefore look to the Missionary Society for such occasional aid as it can furnish; and trust that the Bishop also will remember them in their low estate. The Sunday School still prospers, and measures are taking to unite with the General Union.

An aged and zealous member of the church has departed in peace.
THOS. WRIGHT.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BURKE COUNTY.

Rev. R. J. Miller, Rector.

Since my last report to the Convention of the year 1826, there has been an increase of two families, and two of the Communicants and valuable members have died. In other respects, this small Congregation is nearly in the same situation that it was in then. If it has not gained any spiritual growth and increase, there is nothing visible to indicate that it has lost any. Its number at present is but 29 adults, and 37 children; 20 of the adults are communicants. In the year 1826, after the Convention, baptised 8 children; in 1827, baptised 7 children and one adult; in 1828, baptised 3 children and 2 adults; in 1829, baptised 3 children; in all 21 children and 3 adults. In 1827, buried 4, and 1 in 1828, aged 88 years. 1 marriage. 1829. At the visit of the Right Reverend Bishop in 1827, 6 persons were confirmed; and in his visit in 1828, 5 more were confirmed, in all 11. Or thus—in the year 1826, after the Convention in that year, baptised 8 children,

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| 1827 baptised 7 children and 1 adult, in all | 8 |
| 1828 baptised 3 children and 2 adults, in all | 5 |
| 1829 baptised 3 children, | 3 |
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| 1827 confirmed, | 6 |
| 1828 confirmed, | 5 |
| | — 11 |
| Marriages, | 1 |
| Burials, | 5 |

R. J. MILLER.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. John Avery, Rector.

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| Baptisms, | 7 |
| Marriages, | 2 |
| Communicants, | 33 |
| Burials, (none of the Congregation) | 4 |

This Congregation, so far as any alteration has taken place, has, it is believed, changed for the better. The Sunday School continues to be regularly attended, and with interest and advantage to the children, and benefit to the Church. The Working Society, by their zealous exertions, have been able to apply a considerable sum to sacred uses.

The Rector of this Church has observed an increased seriousness among the people of his charge, and hopes that some have been awakened to attend to their spiritual concerns to the salvation of their souls. The Rector of this Church has, also, with the Rev. Mr. Buxton, during the year past, continued to perform occasional services at Hertford, where, and in the neighbourhood, there are a few persons attached to the Church, or friendly to her interests and anxious to enjoy her worship.

Money brought for the Episcopate, \$55,—this being the balance due upon the assessment for the last year. Collected for the ensuing year, \$45 for the Episcopate, and \$20 for the contingent fund.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

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| Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 12,) | 17 |
| Communicants, | 24 |
| Confirmations, | 18 |
| Marriages, | 5 |
| Funerals, | 10 |

Since last reported, twelve have been added to the communion, and the prospect of further accessions is very encouraging. In two instances of adult Baptism, the sacrament was administered by immersion in the Pasquotank river. The Sunday School connected with this church is in a flourishing condition, and promises a future supply to the church of well instructed Episcopalians. The teachers are indefatigable in their exertions, and the children, to the number of 60, have been nearly uniform in their attendance throughout the year.

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion of the Rev. William D. Cairns, the Convention stands adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Dr. Thomas H. Wright, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, appeared and took his seat.

The certificate of Delegation from St. John's Church, Williamsborough, was presented; and, on motion, Samuel F. Sneed, one of the Delegates named, appeared and took his seat.

John W. Wright, the Treasurer of the Convention, now made his Report, which, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Report of the Select Committee on the subject of discharging the Bishop from Parochial charge, lying over as the unfinished business of the last Convention, was now called up, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Rev. John Avery, President of the Standing Committee of the last year, made the following REPORT:

That they have, since their appointment at the last Convention, granted testimonials to John H. Norment, recommending him for Deacon's orders; and also to the Rev. John R. Goodman, recommending him for Priest's orders. They have recommended to the Bishop, William Norwood, as a candidate for the ministry.

No other business has been transacted by them.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Avery, *Resolved*, that the Convention do now proceed to the appointment of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, and the election proceed by nomination.

On motion of the Hon. James Martin, *Resolved*, that the Standing Committee consist of five—Three clergymen and two laymen, any three of whom shall be a Committee to transact business, provided two of said number be clergymen.

On motion of the Rev. P. B. Wiley, *Resolved*, that the said Committee consist of the Rev. Messrs. Avery, Green, and Cairns, of the Clergy, Hon. James Martin and Dr. A. J. De Rossett, of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. P. B. Wiley, *Resolved*, that the next meeting of this Convention be held in the town of Wilmington.

On motion of the Rev. W. D. Cairns, *Resolved*, that the 2d Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, be so altered as that it shall read thus:

There shall be an annual meeting of the Convention of this Church, at such time and place as shall be fixed by each preceding Convention.

On motion of Thos. F. Davis, Jr. *Resolved*, that the time fixed for holding the next Convention be the 13th of May, 1830.

The consideration of the above resolution was, on motion, postponed until Monday.

On motion of the Rev. W. D. Cairns, *Resolved*, that the following addition be made to the 7th Article of the Constitution of the church in this diocese, viz: "And they shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by removal or death, during the recess of the Convention," the consideration of which resolution was postponed until Monday.

On motion, adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

At night, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Marshall, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop, 7th Chapter Romans, 13th Verse. During service 4 infants were baptized.

Sunday morning, divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, and a sermon preached by the Right Rev. Bishop, from the 10th Chapter of Romans, 14th Verse. The Rev. Philip B. Wiley was admitted to the holy order of Priesthood, and communion administered to 51 recipients.

Service in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a sermon for the benefit of the Missionary Society, by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, from 10th Chapter of Romans, 10th and 15th verses inclusive, and a collection

taken up amounting to \$35 42. During the service, the rite of confirmation was administered to 4 persons.

Evening service performed by the Rev. G. W. Freeman, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Marshall, 5th Chapter of Romans, 18th Verse.

MONDAY, MAY 25th.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Green.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector of St. Peter's church, Washington, appeared and took his seat.

Gen. R. M. Saunders and Edward Yarborough, two of the Delegates from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Messrs. Green and Wright of the Clergy, asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the Committee of Finance, and Gen. R. M. Saunders and Dr. Thomas H. Wright were added, and the Committee consists of Messrs. E. L. Winslow, Hon. James Martin, Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Esq., Gen. R. M. Saunders, and Dr. Thomas H. Wright.

The Resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, to amend the 7th Article of the Constitution, was called up, and on motion of E. L. Winslow, was amended by adding the words "or otherwise," after the words "or death," and the Resolution as amended, passed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, *Resolved*, That the 7th Article of the Constitution be amended by adding the words "by ballot," after the words "annually chosen."

On motion, Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Morning Service by the Rev. Mr. Miller, and a Sermon by the Rev'd Mr. Wiley, 12th chapter of Matthew, 41st verse.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the State of the Church, report as follows:

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully REPORT, that, from the view which they have taken of the subject, there is ground for encouragement, and much cause for thankfulness to Almighty God. The Bishop's Journal and the Parochial Reports exhibit the Diocese in a more favorable light than it has ever before appeared; and our own knowledge and observation confirm this exhibition.

Your Committee are gratified to find, that Sunday Schools and Catechetical instructions continue to be fostered; and that the Female Associations of industry, noticed with approbation last year, still flourish, and with increased usefulness to the Church.

But the circumstance which we notice with the most satisfaction, and which we would mention with lively gratitude to the great Head of the Church, is the increase of Piety, and the deepened sense of Religion, which appear among the greater part of the members of our communion. And we cannot but hope, that the time is approaching in which our

Church will be as distinguished in her separation from an evil world and her godly example, as she is for the purity of her doctrine and the primitive pattern of her government.

Your Committee, notwithstanding these favorable circumstances, regret that they are obliged to add, that the pecuniary embarrassments of many, which have operated unfavorably to the interests of the Diocese for some time, are still felt, and that we fear, unless greater exertions are made by the able members of our congregations, the Church will lose the services of some of her most useful Clergymen.

The number of Clergymen in the Diocese, exclusive of the Bishop, is eleven, viz: nine Priests and two Deacons.

In regard to the propositions from the General Convention, for altering the Liturgy, &c. referred to in the Bishop's Journal, your Committee, without expressing any opinion upon them, would beg leave to refer them severally to the sense of the Convention.

The number of Communicants in this Diocese is about 640, including those of the Churches from whom no reports have been received; making a considerable increase during the past Conventional year.

The number of Baptisms during the past year is 138, including 22 adults.

The number confirmed is 86, more than double the number confirmed last year.

The number of Sunday School Scholars and Catechumens is not precisely ascertained, but may be reckoned at about 500.

There have been two Ordinations, both to Priest's Orders, since the last Convention, viz: of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, and the Rev. Philip B. Wiley.

There are two Candidates for Orders, Mr. William Norwood and Mr. Joseph H. Saunders, the latter of whom has been admitted during this Convention.

JOHN AVERY, *Chairman.*

Which was accepted.

M. R. Willkings, a Delegate from St. John's Church, Fayetteville, having been absent by sickness, appeared this day, and on motion of Mr. E. J. Hale, was admitted to take his seat.

That part of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, in regard to the Resolutions submitted by the General Convention relating to certain alterations in the Prayer Book, being now called up, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to introduce any alterations in the existing forms for Morning and Evening Prayer, or office of Confirmation, or Rubrick at the end of the Communion Service.

On motion, *Resolved unanimously*, That it is expedient to alter the second clause of the 8th Article of the Constitution of the Church, as proposed by the General Convention.

The Rev. William M. Green from the Committee appointed at the last Convention to ascertain the state of the subscription in this Diocese to the General Theological Seminary, asked until the next Convention to make a report, which was granted.

The Rev. W. M. Green introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the terms of the original subscriptions obtained in this Diocese to the General Theological Seminary require the appointment of Scholars to be vested in this Convention, *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary belonging to this Diocese, be empowered to fill, during the recess of this Convention, any vacancies that may exist in the scholarships to which this Diocese may be entitled in the General Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That Mr. William Norwood, at present a student in the General Theological Seminary, be appointed to fill the Scholarship to which this Diocese is at present entitled in said Seminary, and his appointment date from the 1st December, 1828.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of Delegates to the General Convention of the Church.

Whereupon, Rev. Messrs. Avery, Green, Wright, and Wiley, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Gavin Hogg, Charles T. Haigh, E. L. Winslow, and Walker Anderson, of the Laity, were elected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Clerical and Lay Delegates to the General Convention have power to fill any vacancy that may occur in their body.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop having retired, Gen. Saunders was called to the Chair.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cairns, *Resolved unanimously*, that a committee of two be appointed to wait on the Bishop and request a copy of his Sermon preached on Sunday morning, for publication.

The Rev. W. D. Cairns and Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Esq. were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hale, the Convention adjourned to Tuesday 9 o'clock A. M.

Evening service by the Rev. Mr. Elliott, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from 3d chapter Hebrews, 13th verse.

TUESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cairns.

The Committee of Finance now made the following Report, which was unanimously adopted:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to submit the following REPORT.

That they have examined the annual report of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find the same not only correct, but that the funds of the Convention have been managed with much ability and circumspection.

That the whole amount of available funds belonging to the Episcopal fund at this time in the Treasury of the diocese, is \$4815 75, consisting of the following items (to wit) fifteen shares of State Bank stock—eleven shares of Cape Fear Bank stock—\$2032 in bonds of individuals of

undoubted credit, and \$285 75 in cash. That since the last Convention, there has been an increase of this fund, after deducting the expenditures, by the sum of \$168 35, consisting of cash received for interest upon the Bank stock and upon the money loaned, cash for subscriptions and for donations.

The stock is estimated at what was given for it by the Treasurer, to wit, state Bank stock at \$1500, and the Cape Fear at \$998.

They further report, that the gross amount of the Episcopal fund at this time is \$12,905 75, consisting of the available funds heretofore stated, and subscription money hereafter to be received; and as the subscriptions are only payable annually, and as the last of them will not be due until the year 1832, it is probable that there will be a considerable deduction from the gross amount above stated, for losses by removals and other casualties. The probable loss is estimated in 1832 by the Treasurer at \$1500, and should it not exceed that sum, the available funds at that time will be, if none of the principal shall have been withdrawn, \$11,405 75.

It is recommended by the Committee, that the Treasurer continue to employ suitable agents to collect the subscription money due the fund, and that he continue to loan the cash on hand upon good personal security.

The balance now on hand for the contingent fund is \$111 61; and it is recommended, that whatever may be on hand after defraying the incidental items, chargeable on that fund, be at the discretion of the Treasurer, transferable to the Episcopal fund.

On the subject of the assessments on the different congregations, your Committee, aware of the difficulty that has always attended their collection, on account of the scarcity of money and the pressure of the times, and these difficulties still increasing, as past experience proves, recommend a reduction in these assessments, agreeably to a list annexed, (See Appendix,) which will produce the sum of \$515—and they trust, so great will be the relief, that the Pastors of the different congregations will have no excuse for failing to collect the sums now assessed.

Your Committee, in regard to the Report of the Special Committee, made to the last Convention on the subject of discharging our Bishop from Parochial charge, so as to permit him to devote his able and invaluable services to the diocese entirely, adopt unanimously the sentiments of affection and interest expressed in that Report for our beloved Diocesan, and in their anxious solicitude for the good of the church in this diocese, and in its increase and increasing prosperity; unanimously recommend that the Bishop be discharged from Parochial charge, and his salary be fixed at \$1,000 per annum—commencing from the 11th day of June, 1829, payable to him as it may suit his pleasure to draw on the Treasurer of this Convention.

Your Committee have not made this recommendation without due deliberation and consideration, and the manner and plan for the accomplishment of this most desirable end has engaged their strictest attention.

They propose the following plan to the Convention.

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| That the sum now to be raised by assessment as before stated, | \$515 |
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| The interest of the available fund as now reported by your Committee, estimated by the Treasurer of the Convention, | \$296 |
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| And the balance to be supplied from the fund now on hand, | 189 |
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It is with great reluctance that your Committee recommend to the Convention the application of any part of the principal of the fund. They would rather the fund should remain untouched; but so great is the pressure on the people, and the difficulty of collecting money, that they have been unable to discover any other practicable plan, which will with so much certainty, secure the great and desirable end.

The present state of the church, as appears by the Report of the Committee on that subject to this Convention, is flattering to her friends; and could the Bishop devote those services already so usefully applied and productive of such great advantage, wholly to the diocese, the effect, your Committee feel certain, will be an increase of the members of the church, and the more ardent devotion of those already within the pale; and they apprehend the good thus produced will be more than a compensation for the small infringement, made on the principal of the fund, by the plan now recommended.

Besides the strong considerations in regard to the personal comfort and convenience of our beloved Bishop, which your Committee have taken into view, and which they and the members of this Convention and of the church throughout the State alike entertain, they unanimously recommend the foregoing plan, trusting in Him who directs all things, for his assistance and support of the church.

They further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the Bishop of this diocese be discharged from all Parochial duty, that he may devote those talents so well calculated to benefit the church entirely to the diocese, and that his salary be fixed at \$1,000 per annum—payable to him as it may suit his pleasure to draw on the Treasurer of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to employ suitable agents to be by him appointed, for the collection of subscriptions due the fund, and that he continue to loan the money collected, as by the resolutions of the last Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed, at his discretion, to apply whatever may be on hand at the credit of the contingent fund, after defraying the expenses chargeable on that fund, to the fund for the Episcopate.

The communication from certain Episcopal Congregations in the State of Tennessee, requesting a visit from the Bishop of this Diocese, was now read,

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Avery,

Whereas, the Bishop has submitted to the Convention, an invitation from the Clergy and Vestry of certain Episcopal Congregations in the State of Tennessee, to visit them this Summer and perform Episcopal

duties; and whereas he has expressed his willingness to comply with their invitation:

Resolved, unanimously, that this Convention approve of the Bishop's purpose, as a measure which will tend to promote the interests of the Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay to E. L. Winslow, or some other of the Delegates to the General Convention, the sum of nine dollars, it being the sum to be contributed by this Diocese to defray the expenses of the General Convention, at the rate of 75 cents for each Clergyman, according to the resolution of the General Convention of 1823.

On motion of Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Esq. *Resolved, unanimously*, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to John W. Wright, Esq., for his services as the Treasurer of the Convention.

Resolved, unanimously, that John W. Wright, Esq. be appointed the Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year.

Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Service by the Rev. Mr. Avery, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Green, from 5th chapter of Matthew, 25th and 26th verses.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Report of the Committee of the Missionary Society be spread on the Journals of this Convention, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Documents of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society, respectfully REPORT:

That it appears from the same, that the Rev. Mr. Norment has been employed for the year past in Halifax, Scotland Neck, and Windsor, and that he has discharged his duties with diligence and assiduity.

A Church has been organised by him at Halifax, where 6 Baptisms are reported—5 children and 1 adult.

In Windsor 4 persons have been confirmed.

Subscriptions have been obtained by him to the Missionary Society,

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| In the Town of Halifax, | \$45 |
| In Windsor, Bertie county, | 33 |
| Scotland Neck, | 20 |
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Of which the sum of \$80 has been collected and paid.

Your Committee beg leave to add, that from existing circumstances, they deem it expedient that some alteration should be made in the Constitution of the Society, in order to give it more effect, and more extensive usefulness.

On motion, *Resolved*, that 600 copies of the Journals of the Convention be printed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley, *Resolved, unanimously*, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Salisbury, for

their attention and hospitality to the members; and that the Rev. Mr. Wright be requested to make the same known.

On motion of the Rev. W. D. Cairns, *Resolved, unanimously*, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to E. L. Winslow, Esq. for his able services as Secretary of this Convention.

After Prayer by the Right Reverend President, the Convention adjourned.

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, *Secretary.*

Appendix.

A.

ASSESSMENT

*Laid on the different Congregations for the Bishop's Salary
and the Contingent Fund, May 1829.*

| | Bishop's Salary. | Contingent Fund. |
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| St. James's Church, Wilmington, | 90 | 20 |
| Christ's Church, Newbern, | 75 | 20 |
| St. John's Church, Fayetteville, | 75 | 20 |
| St. Paul's Church, Edenton, | 45 | 20 |
| Christ's Church, Raleigh, | 35 | 7 |
| — St. Matthews, St. Mary's, and St. Jude's, } Orange county, | 45 | 7 50 |
| St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, | 15 | 4 |
| Christ's Church, Rowan County, | 15 | 4 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Burke county, | 10 | 4 |
| Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, | 10 | 4 |
| St. John's Church, Williamsborough, | 15 | 4 |
| Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, | 20 | 4 |
| St. Peter's Church, Washington, | 25 | 5 |
| Trinity Church, Beaufort, | 10 | 2 50 |
| St. Thomas's Church, Bath, | 10 | 2 50 |
| St. John's Church, Beaufort, | 5 | 1 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Milton, | 5 | 4 |
| Calvary Church, Wadesborough, | 10 | 4 |
| | <hr/> \$515 | <hr/> \$138 |

B.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

The Fund for the support of the Episcopate consists of

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| 15 Shares of the Stock of the State Bank of North Carolina, bought at | \$1500 |
| 11 Shares of the Stock of the Bank of Cape Fear, 7 shares at \$90, 4 shares at \$92, | 998 |
| Individual bonds and notes bearing interest, | 1750 |
| Loan to the Missionary Society, on pledge of 7 shares of Bank Stock, | 282 |
| Cash remaining in the Treasurer's hands, | 285 75 |

\$4815 75

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| Balances due on the original subscription, | \$1501 |
| Ditto on the second ditto | 1265 |
| Subscriptions payable on the 1st Nov. 1829, | 1331 |
| “ “ “ 1830, | 1331 |
| “ “ “ 1831, | 1331 |
| “ “ “ 1832, | 1331 |

8090

\$12,905 75

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| From which a probable loss, by death, removal, or otherwise, may be deducted, | 1,500 |
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Which will leave the Fund in 1832, \$11,405 75

Notice is hereby given,

That the next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of North Carolina, will be holden in St. James's Church, in the Town of Wilmington, on the 20th day of May, 1830.

E. L. WINSLOW, *Sec'y.*

